

### Remarks

Claims 1, 46, 47, 48 and 49 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly define the invention, as requested by the Examiner. New claims 48 and 49 have been added.

### Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

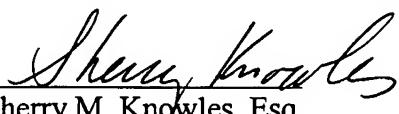
The Examiner rejected original claims 1 and 46-47 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, on the basis that they omitted essential steps. In response, claim 1 has been amended to more clearly define the process steps. The mixture of enantiomers is provided as an 5'-O-acylated derivative, which is stereoselectively hydrolyzed by the enzymes, Amano PS-800 lipase and  $\alpha$ -chymotrypsin. After exposure of this mixture to the enzyme, the 5'-O-hydrolyzed enantiomer is separated from the 5'-O-unhydrolyzed enantiomer. Support for this amendment is found on page 9, lines 19-21, page 10, lines 12-17, and page 13, lines 14-20 of the specification.

New claims 48 and 49 have been added to specify the R groups recited in claim 1. Support for these claims is found on page 12, line 14 to page 13, line 5 of the specification.

### Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the current amendment and remarks overcome the Examiner's outstanding rejections. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account 11-0980.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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